

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER ACTIVITIES PDF & DIGITAL FORMATS




2 Peas and a Dog

Middle School Teaching Resources

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LESSON 1



Canadian Winter Celebrations Article

Lesson Overview: Students will read a. article about Canadian Winter Celebrations.

Materials Needed:

- Video 1: [Welcome to the Snowflake Kingdom as Winterlude set to begin](#)
- Video 2: [Studio K Away: Bonhomme – CBC Kids](#)
- Video 3: [Winter in the City](#)
- Video 4: [Winter in the City](#)
- Video 5: [Winter in the City](#)
- Video 6: [Winter in the City](#)
- Video 7: [Winter in the City](#)
- Photocopy a class set of or use the provided Google Slides version:
 - Article: Canadian Winter Celebrations (audio file also included)
 - Canadian Winter Celebrations Questions (2 pages)

LESSON PLANS

Teacher Instructions:

1. Watch the videos before, during of after reading the article.
2. Then, read the article "Canadian Winter Celebrations" out loud or use the provided MP3 audio file for students to access the reading.
3. Have students work independently or in pairs to answer the questions.
4. Discuss the answers as a class or collect the questions as an assessment.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST



UPCYCLING CHALLENGE



Instructions: Upcycling involves transforming old items into something new. Beside each category, brainstorm how you could repurpose or upcycle each item.

Coat

ENGAGING ACTIVITIES

Scarf

Wood Sled

Sweater

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ANSWER KEY

List Some Of The Major Winter Festivals Celebrated In Canada.

- Winterlude in Ottawa
- Carnaval de Québec
- Festival du Voyageur

PRE-LISTENING SAMPLE ANSWERS

When Was Winterlude In Ottawa Created And What Is Its Purpose?

Name some places where someone might try to resell an item?

Answers may vary. Here are some sample answers: Kijiji, Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, eBay, Amazon, social media, pawn shops, consignment stores, swap meets, community bulletin boards, local newspapers, garage sales, etc.

Do you know anyone who has ever shopped

Answers may vary.

What Are Some Traditions Associated With Carnaval De Québec?

What are some of the disadvantages to reselling an item?

Answers may vary. Here are some sample answers:

- On the buyer side, it helps those find more affordable items

What Is The Festival Du Voyageur, And Where Did It First Take Place?

What are some of the disadvantages to reselling an item?

Answers may vary. Here are some sample answers:

- Can be time-consuming
- Items might not attract buyers
- Depending on the market, there can be competition
- There might be risks for transactions - always meet in a public space
- There could be platform fees, depending on where you're reselling
- It can be challenging for some people to let go of items

ANSWER KEYS

CANADIAN WINTER CELEBRATIONS

Canada is a country where all four seasons are represented. Many Canadians embrace the winter, and various winter celebrations are held nationwide.

Winterlude in Ottawa

Created by the National Capital Commission in 1979, this annual February celebration honours Canada's northern culture. Winterlude attracts 600,000 visitors annually.

Carnaval de Québec

Starting in 1894, this longstanding

The official mascot for this festival is Léo La Tuque. This festival includes a giant toboggan slide, sleigh rides, traditional French-Canadian fiddle music, and more.

The Canadian Ski Marathon

This event originally started in 1967 to commemorate the 100th birthday of the Canadian Ski Council, which attracts thousands of skiers each year.

SUSTAINABLE WINTER FASHION TRENDS

Winter, the season of frosty mornings and snow-covered landscapes, brings with it a need for warm and cozy clothing. Participants in sustainable fashion trends are looking for ways to reduce their environmental impact.

Secondhand Fashion

Buying secondhand clothes from thrift stores or swapping clothes with friends gives a new life to garments. It also allows you to find more unique pieces.

NO-FICTION ARTICLE OPTIONS

include red clothing, Bonhomme Carnaval (a snowman), and decorating the city with lights and ice sculptures.

Festival du Voyageur

This festival first took place in 1970 in Saint-Boniface, Manitoba, to celebrate the francophone culture of Manitoba.

activities. These Canadian events are popular with people who love the cold winter weather.

Sustainability Exploration

Brands are exploring innovative ways to create winter wear that's both environmentally friendly and fashionable. Recycled materials are being used in winter wear, from jackets insulated with recycled polyester to scarves made from recycled wool. Materials like polyester made from plastic bottles or jackets insulated with recycled fibres are becoming popular. These items not only reduce waste but also minimize the need for new resources.

can be transformed into cozy mittens. The sweater material can be repurposed by cutting and sewing the fabric to create stylish and warm mittens, perfect for chilly winter days.

Delay Shopping

Instead of buying new winter clothes every year, consider investing in good-quality pieces that can be layered and styled in different ways.

Embracing sustainable fashion isn't just about looking good; it's about feeling good knowing that our choices contribute positively to the planet.

ENGAGING MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CANADIAN WINTER CELEBRATIONS QUESTIONS

List Some Of The Major Winter Festivals Celebrated In Canada.

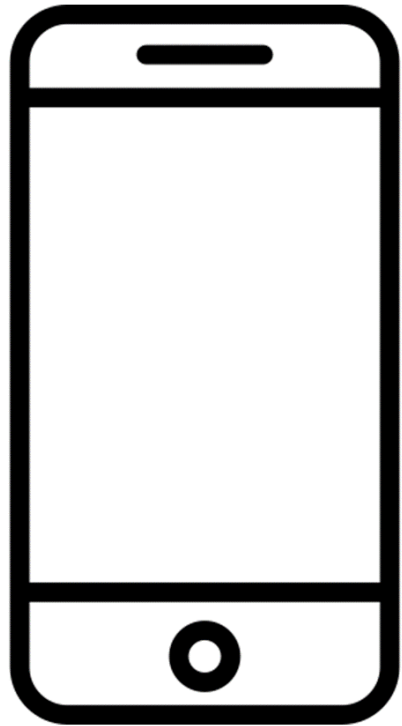
When Were They Invented In Ontario And What Do They Celebrate?

What Are Some Traditional Winter Activities In Your Area?

What Is The Most Popular Winter Sport In Your Area?

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WINTER OPINION QUESTIONS



Instructions: On a separate sheet of paper, answer each question below in dot, jot form or complete sentences. Include details in your responses, as these opinions will be shared during a class discussion.

1. What is your favorite winter activity?
2. What is your least favorite winter activity?
3. What is the best winter holiday?
4. What is the worst winter holiday?
5. Should we have more winter holidays?
6. What is the best winter food?
7. What is the worst winter food?
8. What is the best winter drink?
9. What is the worst winter drink?
10. Do you like winter? Why or why not?

WINTER FISHBOWL PARTICIPATION TRACKER

Student Name	Question #1 - 10	Answer Quality		
		✓-	✓	✓+

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THINKING QUESTION

Assessment	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Above Expectations
	✓-	✓	✓+

Instructions: Select one of the questions and answer it in complete sentences with details you learned from this lesson.

1. How does the "reduce, reuse, recycle" concept apply to reselling items?
2. What are some advantages and disadvantages of buying winter gear from a resale platform compared to a traditional store?
3. How do you think technology, such as online platforms and apps, has impacted how people buy and sell winter items?
4. Think about all of the things you have learned during this lesson. What changes can you make to your shopping habits to help reduce your carbon footprint?

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	Snow	Blizzard	Frost	Cold	Freeze
	Snowflake	Mittens	Scarf	Hat	Gloves
	Icicle	Snowball	 WINTER	Snowman	Hot Chocolate
	Fireplace	Shovel	Skiing	Snowboard	Fun
	Snowplow	Hibernation	Winter Coat	Sled	Boots

LESSON FORMATS



PDF

✓ Individual & Whole Unit



DIGITAL

✓ Google Slides

RESOURCE CAN BE USED IN-PERSON OR ONLINE